

Standards of Education and Training review meeting, 15th January
2008: Future professions.

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

The Health Professions Council (HPC) is a multi-disciplinary regulator and as such must ensure that all of the standards we set are applicable to all the professions we regulate. It is also important that any future professions will also be able to meet the standards that we set. The Standards of Education and Training (SETs) are written in such a way so that education providers from all the professions can interpret them in a way that they should then be able to meet all of the SETs. This is also the case for the visitors who use the SETs to assess a programme.

The recent white paper 'Trust, Assurance and Safety – The Regulation of Health Professionals in the 21st Century' indicated that psychologists, counsellors and psychotherapists, and a group of healthcare scientists would become regulated by HPC over the next few years. From looking at the qualification criteria used by the British Psychological Society they seem broadly in-line with the SETs and no specific issues have been raised.

At the last PLG meeting for reviewing the SETs the group was keen to ensure that the revised standards would be applicable to the groups likely to become HPC regulated as well as existing HPC regulated professions. The Executive will specifically highlight all relevant stakeholders for future professions and ensure they are provided with the proposed consultation document and be encouraged to respond.

Decision

This paper is to note. No decision is required.

Background information

None

Resource implications

N/A

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Financial implications

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Appendices

None

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